

ER 0-5113

30 June 1949

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch of the Central Intelligence Agency is charged with the responsibility of monitoring radio broadcasts from foreign countries. In this connection, an intercept station has recently been erected on Okinawa to monitor broadcasts from adjacent sections of the world. A great proportion of the broadcasts monitored will be those from the U.S.S.R.

WX 98774 It is understood that, in accordance with Army Secret message, WAR-1490714, dated 26 May 1947, to CINCPAC, Russian and Russian Satellite Nationals are excluded from Pacific Islands controlled by the United States Military. It is requested that the policy enunciated in the reference message be relaxed in order to permit the employment of three Russians as monitors at the Okinawa station. In each such case, employment of such nationals will be made only upon security clearance granted by CINCPAC (through G-2 of CINCPAC and Ryukyu Command).

The interim operation of the Okinawa station of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service will commence on 15 August 1949. The persons so employed will fall in the category of native employees and will have no access to classified information. However, to secure the proper coverage of broadcasts emanating from the U.S.S.R., it is imperative that at least these three foreign nationals be employed.

If this request is approved, it is suggested that CINCPAC be notified and that the Chief of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service mission in Okinawa be permitted to deal directly with CINCPAC through Ryukyu Command in effecting the necessary security clearance in each case.

Note: Basic paper, memo to Exec from Col Sterling, Act. AD/O, 6/22/49, in up, with 2 encls ret'd to OO 6/30/49 as requested. — ER 0-5113

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 6/30/49

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